<u>REMARKS</u>

By way of the foregoing amendments to the claims, claims 8 and 16 of the Amended Sheets Under Article 34 have been further amended to delete the multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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